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To members of the CT House of Rep.

I am writing to say that I oppose the return of the tolls to CT highways, House Bill 6818. I am appalled especially of the fact that CT taxpayers spent thousands of dollars getting rid of these tolls on our highways, especially due to the fact that they are a danger to the public. I had a relative who worked at a tax booth at one point and he told me of the horrors to him and to the driving public.

How many times have people been injured or killed when they have hit the toll booths, and worse, when their vehicle was struck going through or upon waiting to get through the toll lines by another car or truck! I'm not sure but that was the reason we got rid of them, and at a very high price, correct?

Now you want to build them back in to the system, again another waste of taxpayer dollars.

Also, so many have complained about the congestion of vehicles on our highways cutting down travel time through state.

Your solution, build up the train system. Really!? Another waste of taxpayer money.

No one is going to get on a train. People want to be independent. They are not going to sit in a smelly train that is open to terror attacks and inconsiderate individuals, and when they have time constraints with work or appointments. There are no jobs to go to. Handicapped people can't use trains. Elderly/disabled can't use trains. We have about 10 people who get on the train where I live. Mostly Choate students going to New York or Boston. 10 people is not worth spending hundreds of thousands on a system that will just cause public injury when people can't cross the tracks with their vehicles.

Please stop messing with our lives in an unproductive way and with quick fixes. And the train plaza's for retail....do we really need a Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks at each station? I'm I really going to take the train to Meriden or another town to get the same cup of coffee I can get in town?

I want to leave you with some constructive ideas.... How about making jobs!!!!!!! Let's start with teaching children in our school systems financial education..... money, using and reconciling checking accounts, cash vs. credit, saving, investing, entrepreneurship, couponing, getting through foreclosures. Secondly, every person should have the right to shelter, water, food, and perhaps healthcare (if we live by eating right our immune system won't need the healthcare often). Label the GMOs so we get real people food and not synthetic food that the body can't use and repels via sickness and disease. People will be safer and healthier. Also, all public servants in Congress should have to live on the same healthcare programs, taxes, retirement, social security, etc. that the rest of us do. Many get tax deferment benefits but they do not help their workers or communities.

Please, start looking to make Connecticut people want to come to, NOT ESCAPE FROM !
Check that statistics!!!!!!

I know your job get difficult and you have to hear from soap box politicians like me.... But really....

Thanks for your commitment to bring out the best in CT, not the worst!!!

With respect,

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Thank you Sen. Fasano for your request. Hope you're not sorry.